

Prayer for Oneness

O Thou kind Lord! Thou hast created all humanity from the same stock. Thou hast decreed that all shall belong to the same household. In Thy Holy Presence they are all Thy servants, and all mankind are sheltered beneath Thy Tabernacle; all have gathered together at Thy Table of Bounty; all are illumined through the light of Thy Providence.

O God! Thou art kind to all, Thou hast provided for all, dost shelter all, conferrest life upon all. Thou hast endowed each and all with talents and faculties, and all are submerged in the Ocean of Thy Mercy.

O Thou kind Lord! Unite all. Let the religions agree and make the nations one, so that they may see each other as one family and the whole earth as one home. May they all live together in perfect harmony.

O God! Raise aloft the banner of the oneness of mankind. O God! Establish the Most Great Peace. Cement Thou, O God, the hearts together.

O Thou kind Father, God! Gladden our hearts through the fragrance of Thy love. Brighten our eyes through the Light of Thy Guidance. Delight our ears with the melody of Thy Word, and shelter us all in the Stronghold of Thy Providence.

Thou art the Mighty and Powerful, Thou art the Forgiving and Thou art the One Who overlooketh the shortcomings of all mankind.

- `Abdu'l-Bahá, *The Bahá'í Writings*

FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES:

DISCOURSE FOR RACIAL HARMONY — FRIDAY JUNE 29TH 7PM,
DIALOGUE ON HEALING THE ILL EFFECTS OF RACISM IN OUR COMMUNITY
AND SPIRITUALITY BASED RECONCILIATION.
(EMAIL: RSVP@SCOTTSDALEBAHAI.ORG)

SPIRITUALITY CAFÉ — SATURDAY MORNINGS, 9AM TO 11AM,
PEOPLE OF ALL FAITHS AND PHILOSOPHICAL BACKGROUNDS DISCUSS
NATURE OF THE HUMAN CONDITION WITH PASSAGES FROM WISDOM AND
FAITH TRADITIONS. FREE CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST IS PROVIDED.

INTERFAITH DEVOTIONS — SUNDAY MORNINGS, 10AM TO 11AM,
BAHÁ'Í DEVOTIONAL GATHERING WITH MEDITATIONS, REFLECTIONS AND
PRAYERS FROM THE WORLD'S GREAT RELIGIONS. TRANQUIL ATMOSPHERE
AND MUSICAL SELECTIONS. REFRESHMENTS.

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**THEME: FIFTY YEARS
LATER, WHERE IS THE
PROMISED LAND?**

**-VISION OF DR. MARTIN
LUTHER KING JR.**

Race Unity Day 2018

-Event Program-

Public Events Taskforce

SUNDAY, JUNE 10TH

BAHÁ'Í FAITH
COMMUNITY CENTER

2018

Race Unity Day Program

@ Bahá'í Faith Community Center

Theme: Fifty years later, where is the promised land?
-Vision Of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Race Unity Day is observed worldwide by Bahá'ís and others with meetings and discussions. The day was established in 1957 by the National Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of the United States, with the purpose of focusing attention on racial prejudice. There is a long history of Bahá'ís working towards racial harmony. In 1912, `Abdu'l-Bahá, the leader of the Faith, successor to the Faith's Founder Bahá'u'lláh, presented at the Fourth Annual Conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) during His visit to America. He encouraged the development of conferences for Racial Unity and Race Amity. In May 1921, the Bahá'í 'Race Amity' movement was launched in the nation's capital, Washington DC, as 'a practical effort to influence public discourse on race in the United States'. This movement was distinct in that it focused primarily on eradicating the root causes of racial injustice. Bahá'ís see racism as a major barrier to peace, and teach that there must be universal recognition of the oneness of all humans to achieve peace. While many rightly emphasize a myriad of racial inequalities, we must never forget that each experience represents a person—an individual with intrinsic value to humankind.

Motivated by these convictions, the Bahá'í Communities of the North East Valley, including Scottsdale, Fountain Hills and Paradise Valley are observing Race Unity Day.

- [Welcome by Master of Ceremonies: Yasaman Parsi
- ☆ Prayer for Oneness
- ☀ Video: Clip of Speech from Dr. King
- 🌀 Faculty of Ethnic Studies, Northern Arizona University: Greg McAllister
- ▶ Performances: Orona Native American Cultural & Music Group
- 🌀 Former Director of Anytown and its Social Centric Institute, Activist working to remove racial prejudice: Calvin Terrell
- ▶ Performances: Kawambe-Omowale African Drum & Dance Theatre
- [M.C. Closing Remarks
- ☀ Music Video: Tribute to Senator John Lewis
- ⊗ Multicultural Dinner & Fellowship

